Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 and extending to page 3 of the specification with the following:

– In the blade material cutting device, when the blade material 1 which has been fed as indicated by the arrow F in Fig. 47 is passed through the slit 4 of Fig. 46 and the feeding operation is stopped, for example, the movable blade part 6 is swung about a fulcrum ~~7~~ f as indicated by the arrow a of Fig. 46. Then, a stationary edge 5a of the stationary blade part 5 and a movable edge 6a (see Fig. 48) of the movable blade part 6 cooperate with each other to cut the blade material 1. In this case, as shown in Fig. 47, the portion of the blade material 1 where the blade material 1 is overlaid on the stationary blade part 5, and by contrast the portion which is pressed by the movable blade part 6 is deformed in a side direction of the stationary edge 5a. After the cutting, the portion pressed by the movable blade part 6, therefore, the shape of the cut surface of the blade material 1 which is illustratively shown in Fig. 50A is bent as shown in Fig. 50B. By contrast, the portion supported by the stationary blade part 5, the shape of the cut surface of the blade material 1 shown in Fig. 50D is not deformed but is maintained to the original adequate shape as shown in Fig. 50C. When, in portion where the operation of feeding the long blade material 1 is stopped, a predetermined portion of the blade material 1 is cut by using the blade material cutting device shown in Figs. 46 and 47, therefore, the cut surface shape of the front end 1a of the blade material 1 which is produced as a result of the cutting is not deformed but is maintained to the original adequate shape as shown in Fig. 51, but that of the

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rear end 1b of the blade material 1 which is produced as a result of the cutting is bent. Also a portion W in the vicinity of the rear end 1b is similarly bent. –.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 with the following:

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– ~~Disclosure~~ Summary of the Invention

The invention has been ~~conducted~~ developed in view of the above-discussed problem. –.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 22 of the specification with the following:

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– ~~Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention~~ Detailed Description of the Figures

A first embodiment of the invention will be described with reference to Figs. 1 to 10. –.